



AUTO'S BEAT TAX

One Hundred Thousand Unlicensed Cars Run Upon the Streets of Chicago Every Day Unnoticed by Cops

While a Large Number of Owners Deliberately Beat the City Out of Their Vehicle

Tax

One hundred thousand auto owners in Chicago are running their cars without a license.

Any observer will be astonished, upon looking at the license number plates of passing motors, to notice the large number carrying a 1921 license.

This is the fourth month of 1922 and honest auto owners are wondering why the authorities make fish of some and flesh of others.

The eagle-eyed cops in Chicago and the Katzenjammer cops in the country towns give licensed autoists all the trouble they can.

They never notice the unlicensed gang. As this beats the state out of a very large revenue, it is strange how they get away with it.

A new wrinkle in cutting the cost of automobile maintenance has been discovered by motorists, according to Henry Wilson, head of the city license bureau. The wrinkle has cost the city thousands of dollars.

Having paid \$10 for a vehicle tax tag, many motorists have applied for duplicates on the ground that the original was lost. The duplicate for many months cost \$2. Now the price has been raised to \$8. The duplicates, purchased for \$2, were turned over to friends, according to Mr. Wilson. The cut rate scheme was discovered by checking the city records against the state motor license list.

The bad condition of Jackson Boulevard in Columbus Park is an awful reflection on the West Park Commissioners. This road is the main thoroughfare to all the principal Western suburbs and to the Lincoln Highway. It is full of holes and has the poorest surface of any road in the County that is supposed to be under official supervision.

WOMEN TO DEBATE IMPORTANT MOVE

Question of Indorsing Candidates Taken Up by Convention in Baltimore.

PROGRESS OF LEAGUE TOLD

Report Tells of Achievements of the Organization in Obtaining National and State Legislation for Benefit of Womankind.

Baltimore, Md., April 27.—The difficult problem of whether the National League of Women Voters shall "get into politics" by indorsing or opposing candidates for political office, was on the program for consideration at the league's annual convention here.

Among the reports presented was one on "The Year in Congress" by Miss Marian I. Parkhurst. Reciting the achievements of the league in obtaining national and state legislation for the benefit of womankind, the report gave first place to the passage by congress of the Sheppard-Towner maternity bill, for the enactment of which the league concentrated its strongest efforts.

Other notable accomplishments for which the report gave credit to the league was obtaining an appropriation from congress for carrying on the inter-departmental social hygiene work; making permanent the women's bureau in industry, which had been established as a war emergency bureau.

Obtains 232 State Laws.

In states which had legislative ses-

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sions during the year that has elapsed since the last convention 232 laws were passed directly traceable to the efforts of the league. These laws were along the lines of the program mapped out at the Cleveland convention last year. Acceptance of the Sheppard-Towner act, raising the age of consent and making women eligible for political office were among them.

"We have heard much of preserving democracy, but not enough about saving democracy from self-destruction," said Herbert Hoover in his address at a banquet given to the league. "It rests upon equality of opportunity, and if our political machinery does not function against such a social background democracy is lost. Neighborliness becomes more and more necessary; we must make decisions with speed today, whereas we could once take time to consider and explain public measures. For these reasons such meetings as the convention now in progress, with delegates from every state, from Canada, Latin America and the island associates of the United States are important."

Lady Astor Sounds Challenge.
"Democracy," said Lady Astor, "is the most misleading word in the world. There are only a few real democrats. Democracy has to do with organized interests, to do away with them, and you women are to have a hand in that big job. You can't do it by talking about it. It takes prayer and work—prayer to keep yourselves encouraged while you fight. You fight as mothers, and whoever saw a fighting mother defeated?"

Lady Astor spoke with conviction, as well as with vivacity and charm.
Message From Harding Read.
An inspiring message was read from President Harding and Governor Ritchie of Maryland addressed the guests on "Friends and Neighbors." There were speeches from representative South American women, from Canada and Cuba, and Harriet Taylor Upton, for the Republican party and Emily Newell Blair, chairman of the woman's section of the Democratic national committee, good-naturedly badgered each other on party loyalty.

Plans for the paving by special assessment of a system of streets in Albany Park at an estimated cost of \$351,000 have been abandoned by the board of local improvements, it was announced Tuesday, upon receipt of protest petitions signed by 75 per cent of the property owners in the district. It was said at the board rooms that the property owners who opposed the project admitted the streets were in bad condition, but that they were formulating plans of their own to have them improved.

The district in question is bounded on the west by North Kedzie avenue, on the east by North Sacramento avenue, on the north by Lawrence avenue, and on the south by Montrose avenue.

A number of well known Chicagoans left here Monday night to attend the convention of the Mississippi Valley Association at Kansas City. The delegation included Harry H. Merrick, vice president of the Central Trust Company; H. C. Gardner, president of the Great Lakes-St. Lawrence Tide-water Association, and W. L. Ware, trade commissioner of the Chicago Association of Commerce.

Mayor William Hale Thompson and his cabinet will visit New York for a week early in May to study operation of fares and service on the subways, elevated and surface lines, if present plans materialize. The mayor wishes to obtain data supporting his municipal ownership 5-cent fare plans.

The County Treasurer's office during the week just drawing to a close was besieged by swarms of taxpayers with hundreds of thousands of dollars in their hands to escape the penalty of 1 per cent due to be added to delinquent real estate taxes next Tuesday.

May 2 is the day fixed by law for

50 WARDS NOW

New Law to Govern General Registration in October and November Elections

George F. Lohman, chief clerk of the election commissioners, announces that Chicago's next general registration, on October 7, will be held under the provisions of the fifty-ward law.

The November election for state and county officers will also be conducted on the new ward boundaries.

Status of the thirty-five ward committeemen of the Democratic and Republican parties will be a matter which the courts may be called upon to decide, following the change in ward lines.

Several unofficial party representatives of new wards have already been selected by local political organizations, but whether they will have any official standing, unless they are elected at the next ward committee election, is a question over which the lawyers differ.

Judge William E. Dever, who has been unanimously re-nominated for the Superior Court bench by the Democrats and regular Republicans, is at present presiding justice of the Appellate Court. His record has met the approval of everybody and his reelection will be a justly merited reward for duty well performed.

JUDICIAL SLATE

Democrats Re-Nominate Five Sitting Judges and Endorse Walter P. Steffen Choice of Regular Republicans

Judge Miller Thompson Man Left Off and Three Republicans Named for the Municipal

Court Vacancies

The Democratic organization re-nominated the following judges at their county convention, held on Monday: William E. Dever, Charles A. McDonald, John J. Sullivan, Martin M. Gridley, Joseph Sabath.

They also endorsed Alderman Walter P. Steffen for the sixth place.

Judicial slate and my belief is that the coalition ticket nominated today will be elected without serious, if any, contest."

For Municipal Judges
The Republicans also nominated three candidates for the three existing vacancies in the Municipal court to be filled in June. The nominees are Emanuel Eller, Thomas J. Peden, and Albert N. Gualano.

The Democrats made no nominations for the three places and no coalition was attempted, the Democrats having the legal opinion before them that the county conventions had no authority to make nominations, in view of the peculiar wording of the Municipal court act and that candidates for the three vacancies must be filled in June through the nomination by petition route.

Coroner Hoffman had the smallest majority of any of the big office Republican candidates. He only had 12,000 votes to spare.

Edward R. Litsinger, candidate for member of the board of review, led the Republican county candidates who had opposition at the primary, April 11, according to results of the canvass made public by George F. Lohman, chief clerk of the election board.

Litsinger polled 139,114 votes, beating Adolphus B. Magnus by 73,942 votes. County Judge Righelmer, without opposition, led the ticket with 181,734 votes.

Coroner Hoffman won over Henry C. Laubenheimer for sheriff by 12,463 votes. Charles Ringer, for treasurer, had 20,890 votes to spare over Wallace G. Clark. Charles S. Peterson beat William Busse for the presidency of the county board nomination, 106,218 to 80,566. Judge John R. Newcomer led the Municipal court ticket with 156,740, and Judge Wells M. Cook was next with 133,669 votes.

SIMMONS RAPS THE TARIFF BILL

Ranking Democratic Senator in Bitter Denunciation of Republican Measure.

SAYS IT MEANS HIGHER COSTS

Predicts Conditions Similar to Those of Feudalism of the Middle Ages—Says General Enslavement of Masses Will Follow.

Washington, April 27.—"The pending Republican tariff bill is fraught with more danger to the people of the country and the institutions under which we live than any bill that ever crossed the threshold of this chamber," Senator Simmons of North Carolina charged in the senate here.

"With the super-added rate-making powers conferred upon the President," he declared, "the proposed legislation makes rate fixing almost as much a matter of political and personal patronage as the distribution of federal offices."

Senator Simmons is the ranking Democrat on the finance committee which reported the bill, and was chairman of the committee when the present Underwood-Simmons law was enacted. His speech, a carefully prepared document, for completion of which minority filibusters have forced the senate to mark time since the tariff measure was taken up, was one of the bitterest denunciations of a piece of legislation ever heard in the halls of congress.

Formulates Party Issues.
Set forth in its 10,000 words was not only the definite line of attack to be followed by the Democrats in the senate fight, but it formulated one of the chief issues on which the party will go

before the country in the next congressional elections and the presidential election in 1924. Before the ink was hardly dry on the address in the Congressional Record the presses began to grind out millions of copies in pamphlet form to be sent into every nook and corner of the United States.

Senator Simmons said he had tried to consider the bill "with fairness and with conservatism," and did not "wish to speak harshly of it," but that "when I consider the danger to the happiness, the peace and the prosperity of the people of this country which lurks in it, I cannot withhold a frank expression of my condemnation and of my fears." Then, drawing his conclusions, after an exhaustive analysis of all the schedules and rates, Senator Simmons said:

"Its first effect will be oppressive to the public. It will lead to the whole-sale monopolization of all the products of industry. It will lead to the extortions which always follow unhampered monopoly."

Return to Feudalism.

"We shall in the not distant future see here, if this sort of legislation shall become permanent, conditions similar to those of feudalism of the middle ages. The tariff baron and the trust magnate will be as strongly entrenched as were the feudal lords in those days, followed by the general commercial enslavement of the masses. If the bill shall pass, the only hope lies in an appeal from the action of this body to the judgment, conscience and patriotism of the American people, and their decision will, in that event, overrule and set aside the action of the congress, I have no doubt."

Legislative sessions in Illinois would be restricted to sixty days by an amendment for the legislative article of the proposed new constitution, brought to Springfield Monday for presentation at the constitutional convention, which reconvened Tuesday.

A restriction of this sort is in effect in many other states, it was said, and would be beneficial here, according to its proponents. As much legislation could have been passed in three months by the last session of the general assembly as was passed in seven months, if the legislators had gotten immediately to work and stayed at it, it was said.

Four more assistant state's attorneys will leave Judge Crowe's office May 1. They are Samuel J. Bristow, James W. Burke, Lewis V. Keeler and Simon J. Forhan.

Alderman U. S. Schwartz says that the city council committee on transportation is receiving no assistance from civic organizations of Chicago toward a solution of the traction problem.

You can park your car in Grant Park free of charge now. Judge Torrisson has enjoined the South Park Commissioners from making the people pay for the privilege.

The volume of Chicago's annual sales can be increased millions, according to Postmaster Arthur C. Lueder, if business concerns will do their mailing twice each day.

One day can be added to each business week, the postmaster contends, by scrapping the traditional custom of allowing mail to accumulate until 5 p. m. before turning it over to the postoffice. In a circular letter sent a number of leading business houses the "twice-a-day" mailing schedule is urged.

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Upbuilder of Chicago, Progressive Citizen and Principal Owner of the Cubs.

state tax commission was late in reporting certain corporation valuations to the county clerk. This delayed him in the work of fixing the rate and extending them over the entire valuation of all properties in Cook county. Consequently the county clerk was several weeks late in turning over the tax warrant books to the treasurer, who was correspondingly late in sending out the bills.

The West Park Police Benevolent Association at the Red Men's Wigwam, Fifth Ave. and Kedzie Blvd., elected the following officers: James Plodna, president; Henry Lake, vice president; Martin A. Morrison, secretary; William Uher, treasurer; James A. McClellan, collector; Terrence Lyons, trustee for three years; Joseph Moeller, for two years, and Frank Murphy, for one year.

The aldermen have kindly decided not to take that European trip in a body at the expense of the taxpayers. A few of them will make the journey and pay their own way.

Plans are being drawn for immediate construction of the tunnel under Canal St., between Jackson and Adams, connecting the present right of way and tracks with the new Union Station building on the west side of Canal St. This concourse, with waiting rooms, will be used for all through trains until the new structure is complete. The arrangement will allow demolition of the present station and clear the right of way east of Canal St. for new track arrangements. Work on the new station will begin June 15. The terminal is expected to be finished December 31, 1923.

Alderman Steffen had already been nominated by the Brundage-Crowe-Deneen convention.

The B.C.D. Republicans endorsed the five Democrats and the coalition was complete.

The City Hall Republicans, whose candidate, Judge Miller, was not endorsed by the others, threatened to put up a straight Republican ticket which would start with Judge Miller's name and would include none of the retiring five Democratic judges.

"Let them go as far as they like," was the reply of George E. Brennan and the Democratic regulars to such suggestion. "The failure of the city hall organization to file a proper judicial convention call at Springfield as required by law leaves the hall without a Republican column on the June ballot," Mr. Brennan said. "I will make the prophecy that the hall doesn't dare to run an independent